

Remarks.**Claims 41 and 48 have been rejected as anticipated by EP 706,755.**

EP 706,755 teaches a mixer with the augers disposed in a plane which is normal to the direction of movement of the mixer.

The '755 reference shows the hitch and either the first or second augers 6 non aligned relative to the direction of movement of the mixer. In modified claim 41, the hitch and the axis of rotation of the auger are aligned relative to each other and extend approximately parallel to a direction of movement of the mixing apparatus. The claimed alignment arrangement as claimed in modified claim 41 provides a mixer that has less width than the mixer described in the '755 reference and thus enables movement of the claimed mixer through more narrow doorways.

Applicant is of the opinion that modified claim 41 the only claim remaining in this application clearly defines a novel and non obvious improvement over the '755 reference.

Accordingly, Applicants are of the opinion that modified claim 41 should be allowable over the '755 reference.

Claims 41 and 48 have been rejected as anticipated by US 3,421,740.

US 3,421,740 describes a mixer having horizontally disposed augers.

Applicant is of the opinion that modified claim 41 clearly defines a novel and non obvious improvement over any of the '740 reference because modified claim 41 recites a mixer having an auger having a vertically disposed rotational axis not a horizontally disposed arrangement.

Accordingly, Applicant is of the opinion that modified claim 41 should be allowable over the '740 reference.

Claims 41 and 48 have been rejected as anticipated by US 5,823,667.

US 5,823,667 discloses a mixer that is fixed and not intended for transportation of feed material.

More specifically, the '667 reference describes a mixer that is not mobile and that does not include a towing hitch. The mixer as claimed in modified claim 41 recites a hitch and a configuration of the hitch and auger which enhances the ability of the mixer to be transported through relatively narrow barn doors and the like.

Accordingly, Applicant is of the opinion that modified claim 41 should be allowable over the '667 reference.

Claim 48 has been canceled.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the claim 41 as amended is requested.

By this amendment, claim 41 has been modified to emphasize important features of the present invention. Claim 48 has been canceled. Claim 41 remains in this application.

Allowance of claim 41 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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